

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **ANSWER**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**
☐ **UNTIMELY**

DATE: 8/5/2021

DOCKET #: 2021-670

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Ms. Debra Dufresne Vial
Address: 13979 River Road, Luling, LA 70070
Office/Position: Regional Planning Commission
of Disclosures/Amendments Filed with Agency: 4
Years Covered: 2018-2020
Final Report: No (2020 Final Year)

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018 - Amendment
Report ID: PFD19011075
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019
Initial PFD Filed on: 10/16/2019
NOD-amend Received: 11/18/2020
NOD-amend Signed by: Unable to Determine
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 12/1/2020
Amendment/Answer Filed: 7/2/2021

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500
Days late from receipt of NOD: 213
Total days late from initial due date: 779
Late Fee Order Received: 7/31/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 8/20/2021
Waiver Request Received: 8/4/2021

COMMENTS:

Debra Dufresne Vial stated she never missed a Regional Planning Commission Board meeting since being appointed to the board from January 2018 to November 2020. When she contacted the Board of Ethics upon receipt of the 2019 Failure to File Delinquency Notice fine of \$300, she was informed she could submit a Waiver Request and was advised to amend her 2018 PFD. She has not served on the Regional Planning Commission for 9 months and the last meeting she attended was a virtually meeting held in November 2020, due to Covid. Ms. Vial respectfully request that the Ethics Board waive her fine of \$1500.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: Yes. 2019 \$300

Pending Waiver Request

- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

August 4, 2021

Louisiana Board of Ethics
P O Box 4368
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

Dear Board Members,

I have served on the Regional Planning Commission as the St. Charles Parish Community representative since appointment in January 2018. Meetings are held monthly in New Orleans, LA which I have never missed during the 3 years I served - January 2018 through November 2020.

When I contacted the Board of Ethics office upon receipt of the Failure to File 2019 letter to confirm the online filing process, I was advised in order to Request a Waiver of the 2019 late filing fee of \$300, I needed to file an amendment to my 2018 financial disclosure report. I did as instructed and have now received a Late Fee Assessment – Report PFD19011075 dated July 26, 2021, assessing a late fee of \$1,500.

As I have previously stated, I respectfully request the Late Fee Assessments totaling \$1,800 be waived. I have not served on the Regional Planning Commission for 9 months – last meeting attended virtually in November 2020.

Thank you in advance for your support of this request.

Best regards,

Debra Dufresne Vial



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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 6, 2020

Debra Dufresne Vial
13979 River Road
Luling, LA 70070

**RE: NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY - AMEND
PFD19011075**

Dear Ms. Vial:

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.4, if a person fails to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement as required by 42:1124, 1124.2, 1124.2.1, or 1124.3; omits information; or files inaccurately, a Notice of Delinquency shall be issued. A review of your Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement covering 2018 that was filed with this office on October 16, 2019, indicates the following error(s) or omission(s):

You are required to disclose the amount of income received (during calendar year 2018) from the St. Charles Parish School Board on SCHEDULE E.

You have 7 business days from the date of receipt of this Notice to file an amendment to your Statement, or to submit a written Answer contesting the allegations. **Failure to file** within the 7 days will subject you to an automatic late fee of \$50 per day up to a maximum of \$1,500. Proof of timely filing is determined by the U.S. Postal Service postmark; receipt from the U.S. Postal Service; or receipt from a commercial delivery service.

If you would like to view the report that was initially filed to further explain the omission and/or correction needed, you may visit our website at www.ethics.la.gov. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 225/219-5600 or 800/842-6630.

Sincerely,

Tammy Frazier
Compliance Investigator

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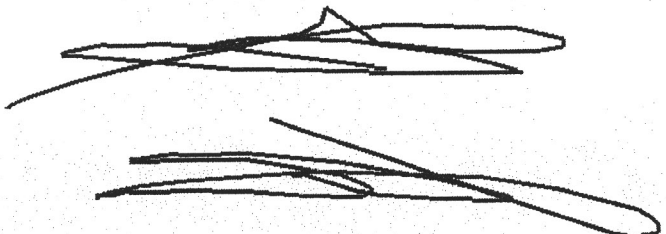
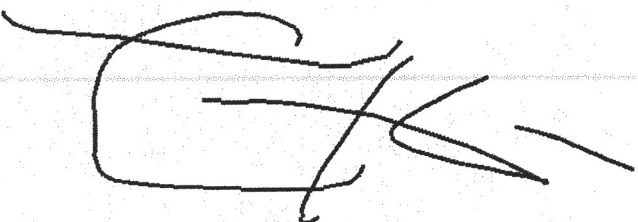
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